2009 to boost exports, arrest the impact of economic slow down and to improve liquidity. These measures/packages have helped to meet the crisis to a great extent. The measures announced under the above two stimulus packages, *inter alia*, include:-

(i) Additional allocation of Rs.1400 crore under the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS). Further, in the Union Budget 2009-10, an allocation of Rs. 3140 crore has been announced under TUFS.

(ii) All items of handicrafts to be included under 'Vishesh Krishi & Gram Udyog Yojana (VK&GUY)'.

(iii) Across-the-board cut of 4% in the ad-valorem Cenvat rate till 31.3.2009.

(iv) Interest subvention of 2% upto 31.3.2009 subject to a minimum of 7% per annum on pre and post-shipment export credit (since extended to 31.03.10 in the Union Budget 2009-10).

(v) Provision of additional funds for full refund of Terminal Excist Duty/Central Sales Tax.

(vi) Enhanced back-up guarantee to ECGC to cover for exports to difficult markets/products.

(vii) Refund of Service Tax on foreign agent commissions of upto 10% of FOB value of exports as well as refund of service tax on output service while availing benefits under Duty Drawback Scheme.

(viii) Credit targets of Public Sector Banks revised upward to reflect the needs of the economy.

(ix) State Level Bankers Committee would hold meetings for resolution of Credit issues of MSMEs.

(x) Guarantee cover under Credit Guarantee Scheme doubled to Rs.1 crore with cover of 50%.

(xi) DEPB rates restored to pre-November, 2008 levels and extended till 31.12.2009.

(xii) Duty Drawback on knitted fabrics enhanced retrospectively from 1.9.2008.

(d) Under the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS), 24685 units with a project cost of Rs. 166,839 crore have been sanctioned a loan amount of Rs.72,518 crore as on 31.03.2009. Out of this, a loan of Rs.60,955 crore has been disbursed to 24572 units as on 31.03.2009. In the Budget 2009-10 a provision of Rs.3140 crore has announced under the TUFS. In Kanpur, 29 units have benefited under TUFS.

Committee to study textile workers suicide in A.P.

1326. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has constituted any committee to study the textile workers suicides especially in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when such decision will be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Central Government has not constituted any committee to study the textile workers suicides especially in Andhra Pradesh. There is no proposal at present to form any such committee.

100 day plan for Textile Sector

1327. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has proposed any 100 day plan for textile sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) **Agenda for the first 100 days for Textiles Ministry**

Dr. Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister, on assuming office announced that each Ministry should identify such activities that need to be pursued in the next 100 days. In pursuance of the directions of Hon'ble Prime Minister, the Ministry of Textiles has formulated a 100 days Agenda for Action.

1. **Workshop for senior officers on result based performance management**

   Ministry of the Textiles will organize a Workshop on result-based performance management system for all the Senior Officers of the Ministry in the coming 100 days.

2. **Scheme for integrated textiles parks**

   In the coming 100 days, the Ministry will ensure:

   a. Inauguration of two Integrated Textile Parks.

   b. Appraisal by Expenditure Finance Committee-(EFC) of the proposal for establishing fifteen additional Parks.

3. **Technology upgradation fund scheme (TUFS)**

   The existing initiative of the Ministry will be deepened to expand the coverage of the Scheme to benefit the decentralized sector like Power-loom and Small Scale Sector in a comprehensive manner.

4. **Working group for National Fibre Policy**

   In the coming 100 days the Ministry will initiate the constitution of a Working Group for National Fibre Policy comprising all stake-holders of the textiles and fiber value chain. This Group will evolve the policy in a time-bound fashion in consultation with all stake-holders. The Report would be a trend setter for the textiles sector for the coming years.